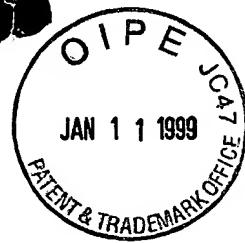


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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 8, 1998 in the above-identified application and the Notice to Comply with Sequence Rules 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 attached thereto, a copy of which is attached. A three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for a three month extension of time is being filed concurrently together with the appropriate fee.

Transmitted herewith is a copy of the "Sequence Listing" in paper form for the above-identified patent application, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(c), and a copy of the "Sequence